



**Sunday, June 30, 2019  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Town Hall Parking Lot**

*"The Best Little Beach in Delaware"  
for 50 years!*

**We encourage you to bike or walk to the celebration which will take place on the Town Hall parking lot.**

**50 Year Anniversary Celebration  
for the Incorporation of the Town of South Bethany**

- Free Food & Drinks
- Live steel drum music
- Face painting & make and take crafts
- Claw machine with stuffed animals and toys
- Cornhole Tournament at 1:30 p.m. (Come and cheer!)
- Fitness area demonstration at 1:15 p.m.
- Informational kiosks
- Gifts, prizes, and fun for all

**Sponsored by:**  
Town of South Bethany  
South Bethany Property Owners Association  
South Bethany Historical Society  
South Bethany Women's Club.

**Join Us!  
Rain or Shine**



Spring 2019

**THE ZEPHYR NEWSLETTER**

Visit the Town's new website: <https://southbethany.delaware.gov/>

## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Winter has passed and spring has finally arrived in South Bethany. Our winter weather was uneventful without a significant nor'easter leaving our beach in excellent shape for the upcoming summer. We look forward to a fantastic and enjoyable summer season for all this year.

Over the past month many changes have occurred with the South Bethany Police Department. The Department had two long-time employees retire and a third officer resign to take another position. We wish all three the best in their future endeavors.

With these changes the Town Council took steps to assure the safety of the Town and protect property investments of all residents. These measures are short term to supplement the department until fully staffed once again. Actions taken were the following:

The hiring of the Delaware State Police to improve traffic control on Route 1 in South Bethany.

Entered into a Police Services Agreement with the Town of Ocean View to provide patrolling of the Town and services on Route 1. This is a three-month agreement that may be renewable if needed.

The Town has placed advertisements for a new Police Chief and for additional police officers. Recruitment for these positions is moving forward rapidly. The commitment is to be back to full staff as quickly as possible and have a cost-effective and efficient South Bethany Police Department to serve the property owners of the town.

Many positive changes occurred over the winter. The Town contract with Sharp Energy was renewed, the Ambulance Service agreement was

approved without an increase for the next 5 years, the FY 2020 balanced budget was approved with no tax increase and a capital improvement plan was approved with initial priorities set for the next 10 years. The FY 2020 budget included funds for projects such as additional beach crossover mobi mats, monies for additional improvements to 3 beach crossovers, and road repairs for Bristol Road.

The Capital Improvement Plan was a recommendation contained in our 2016 Comprehensive Plan. This Capital Plan provides direction for infrastructure projects, funding for town vehicles and canal water quality projects, etc. This plan will be kept evergreen as new projects come forward or the priorities change as desired by the property owners. This is a significant improvement to the Town budgeting process.

The Town staff is currently working to prepare for the summer season which will be upon us soon. The work may be seen throughout town with new and existing beds being spruced up and new plantings. A new kiosk for daily parking permits is in place at Town Hall. Additional equipment has been added to the exercise area next to Town Hall along with a new Kids Little Free Library. Also, the new dunes have had grass planted to help hold the new sand and the crossovers are in excellent condition.

Lastly, please come join us on June 30 at Town Hall as we celebrate our 50th anniversary of the Town.

Tim Saxton  
Mayor

### Communications and Public Relations Committee (By Councilmember Carol Stevenson)

#### Summer Fun in South Bethany Get Healthy!

Yoga will continue on the beach at South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Participants need to bring a yoga mat or towel and water for classes. Classes are open to everyone and families are very welcome. Experience is not necessary and it's an easy place to try yoga for the first time! A special Sound Meditation with Gentle Flow Yoga will be held on three evenings throughout summer. A donation for fee is all that is required!

Boot Camp will again be held on the beach at North 6<sup>th</sup> St. Certified personal trainers will put you through your paces for a fee of \$10. Even folks who have never participated should come and find out what this fitness class is all about. The trainers will help you work up to your potential.

#### Watch Movies on the Beach!

Movies on the beach will be held on two special nights this summer. They are always free and held at the Handicap Ramp on South 3<sup>rd</sup>. Children of all ages will be delighted to watch great films starting at sunset. Watch the Website, weekly schedules, and Bulletin Boards for dates. Bring a flashlight and your beach chairs. Folks who need extra help getting to the beach should call the Town Hall at least 48 hours in advance to make sure our special beach wheelchairs are available!

Time and dates for all classes and events will be posted on our weekly email schedule, website, and Town Bulletin Boards. Don't forget to pick up a Summer Fun Calendar at Town Hall!

#### Happy Anniversary, South Bethany!

Sunday, June 30 is the date for a very special event. The SOUTH BETHANY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION will be held at Town Hall from 1 to 4 pm, rain or shine! Come enjoy free food and drinks, music, prizes, games, and lots of free gifts for everyone. Grotto Pizza, McCabe's Sandwiches, Chips, Hot Dogs, Pretzels, Sodas, Desserts, and Melvo Snowballs will be free! Face Painting by Lollipop, steel drum music, and a Cornhole Tournament are just a few of the events taking place. The Tournament winner will receive a beautiful Custom Cornhole Game. Many local organizations will be present to show you what is available in our Great Town! Come meet our Town Staff, Police, Lifeguards, and our Summer Exercise and Yoga Team along with Town Committees, South Bethany Property Owners Association, Historical Society, South Bethany Women's Club, Coast Guard Auxiliary, Bethany Beach Fire Company and Auxiliary, and the Center for Inland Bays. Be sure to get a free ticket for door prizes from our local businesses. The Historical Society will be presenting the town with a GIANT SURPRISE GIFT! EVERYONE is invited! Bring your friends and family, tell your guests. Parking is limited so bike, walk, or run to the event! DON'T MISS IT!

**Follow us on Facebook:** The Town's Facebook page provides useful information on weather alerts, Town updates, and other special interests happening in and around the area. On the Home page of the Town's website, <https://southbethany.delaware.gov/> click **Like Us On Facebook** OR search Facebook for **South Bethany Town Hall**.

## TOWN ELECTION - SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019 - 9 AM to 3 PM

Candidates' bios are posted on the Election Info page of the Town website <https://southbethany.delaware.gov>.

**There are three (3) seats open for council members (two-year term).**

The candidates for the two-year term council members are:

Jane Bonbright, Laurence Budd, Darren Donohue, Richard Oliver, Carol Stevenson, and Frank Weisgerber.

**There is one (1) seat open for council member (one-year term).**

The candidates for the one-year term council member are: Derek Abbott and Gerald Masiello.

**VOTER ELIGIBILITY** (Pursuant to §C-6A (1) of the Town Charter):

(1) Any natural person shall be qualified to vote in any annual municipal election, special election or referendum who, on voting day, shall:

- (a) Have attained eighteen (18) years of age;
- (b) Be a citizen of the United States;
- (c) Be registered under the town's voter registration ordinance (if one is in effect); and
- (d) Have been one of the following:

[1] A freeholder in the town, as defined herein, for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days immediately preceding the date of the election. A "freeholder" shall be deemed to include any natural person who holds title of record either in his/her own name or as trustee to a fee simple estate or a life estate in and to real property located within the corporate limits of the town.

[2] The spouse of a freeholder whether their name is on the deed or not.

[3] A resident of the town. A "resident" shall mean any natural person who has been physically residing within the corporate limits of the town for at least nine (9) months\*, consecutively or non-consecutively, of the twelve-month period immediately preceding the date of the election and who is physically residing within the town on the date of the election.

[4] Provided, however, anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, not more than eight (8) persons per property shall be entitled to vote either as a "freeholder" or as the spouse of a "freeholder" under subsection A(1)(d)[1] and [2] immediately preceding.

**\*NOTE: Pursuant to 15 Del. C. §7554(a), for purposes of voter eligibility, the residency requirement shall be 30 days immediately preceding the date of election.**

### AFFIDAVIT AND ABSENTEE BALLOT

To receive an Affidavit: **Stop** in Town Hall, 402 Evergreen Rd, South Bethany, DE. **Call** (302) 539-3653 to request an Affidavit be mailed to you. **Go** to [southbethany.delaware.gov](https://southbethany.delaware.gov) "Info Tab", "Election Info" and download an Affidavit. After submitting a completed Affidavit to Town Hall, an Absentee Ballot will be handed/mailed to you. **Deadline:** Absentee ballots can be requested by any qualified voter unable to vote at the polling place on the date of election by filing an Affidavit with the Town no later than 12:00 pm on May 24, 2019. The Absentee Ballot must be filed with the Town no later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the Election; i.e., MAY 25, 2019.

**Mailed:** If requesting an absentee ballot by mail, the affidavit must be received at Town Hall prior to 12 p.m. on May 21, 2019. For affidavits received after 12:00 p.m. on May 21, 2019, the individual filing the affidavit will be responsible for picking up the absentee ballot at Town Hall in person.

**REMINDER:** Only "natural persons" are eligible to vote. Corporations, Limited Liability Companies, Partnerships (both general and limited), and other entities are not allowed to vote in Town elections (see § C-6A of the Charter).

**Proof of identity.** All voters must bring proof of identity to the polls on election day.

**Documentation required for freeholders.** Please review the Town's property tax list posted at <https://southbethany.delaware.gov> on the Election Info page or at Town Hall to verify that you are listed as a property owner. Any freeholder on the list is not required to bring additional proof of ownership to the polls on election day. Any freeholder not on the list must (1) call the Town on or prior to May 25 at 302-539-3653 to provide proof of property ownership in order to be included on the list or (2) bring proof of ownership to the polls on election day.

**Documentation required for residents.** Anyone qualifying to vote as a resident must bring proof of residency to the polls on election day.

### PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION ON ELECTION DAY

**ELECTION BOARD:** The Election Board is responsible to determine voter qualifications. The Election Board consists of three Judges of Election who shall be qualified voters of the Town and approved by the Town Council. The 2019 Election Board Members are Carolyn Marcello, Sally Baker, and Bonnie Rae.

**ELECTION WORKERS:** The 2019 Election Workers are Pat Spangler, Sue Allenspach, and Linda Whitney. Peter Bogetti is an alternate.

We thank the Election Board Members and the Election Workers for volunteering.

### MEET THE CANDIDATES FRIDAY, MAY 10, AT 5 PM TOWN HALL

Each candidate will address the property owners and residents at **5 p.m.** (before the May 10, 2019, Town Council Regular Meeting.) A brief question/answer period will follow. **Please read the candidates bios on the Election Info page of the Town's website <https://southbethany.delaware.gov>.**

## 2019 PARKING PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE!

Application for Rental License or Non-Rental Declaration must be completed prior to purchasing parking permits.

### FOUR WAYS TO PURCHASE (Parking permits are not available for purchase at Town Hall Memorial Day Weekend)

**ONLINE** For your convenience, you can purchase your parking permits online and permits will be mailed to you! Go to our website at <https://southbethany.delaware.gov> and click "Online Payments".

**MAIL** a check payable to Town of South Bethany, 402 Evergreen Rd., South Bethany, DE 19930. Provide your mailing address and the number of permits requested, and permits will be mailed to you.

**CALL** (302) 539-3653 ext. 218  
Provide your credit card information, mailing address, and number of permits requested, and permits will be mailed to you.

**WALK** in Town Hall Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Closed weekends & holidays.**

All Parking Permits      \$20 EACH  
Replacement Permits      \$50 EACH  
(replacement permits are not available for online purchase)  
**Maximum four (4) permits allowed**  
**Hang Tags and Static Tags available**

Daily passes can be conveniently purchased 24/7 at our kiosk located outside Town Hall from May 15 to September 15 at the cost of \$20.00 each. The kiosk accepts cash, Visa, and Discover.

### BULK TRASH PICK-UP DAY SAT., MAY 18, 2019

The Town's Bulk Trash Pick-Up Day will be Saturday, May 18, 2019. To ensure collection, place bulk items at the curb the night before.

These items **WILL NOT BE COLLECTED**: yard waste, automobile batteries, tires, paint, rocks, construction debris, bricks, stumps, dirt, concrete blocks, flammable/hazardous materials, oil/petroleum products, appliances containing CFC Freon gas (a/c units, freezers, refrigerators) Freon must be removed from appliances. Remove freezer and refrigerator doors.

Remove oil and gas from lawnmowers and a sign indicating that this has been done must be taped on the lawnmower.

Inadvertent collection of material placed in, on, or adjacent to bulk items to be collected **WILL NOT** be the responsibility of Republic Services.

Materials should be placed at the curb the night before to ensure collection. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE** them out longer.

If you have questions, call Republic Services: (800) 762-8888 or contact Town Hall.

### BEACH WHEELCHAIRS

Request a beach wheelchair at the nearest lifeguard stand. The chairs are available during lifeguard hours only and should be used for transport on and off the beach. This helps the beach patrol accommodate as many people as possible.



#### IMPORTANT BEACH RULES

- **Smoking is prohibited in the following areas: (1) The beach, and (2) Beach access walkways from the Eastern edge of Ocean Drive to the beach, and from the Eastern edge of Sea Side Drive to the beach, and all handicapped walkways.**
- Dogs are not allowed on the beach anytime from May 15 to Oct. 15. Dogs must be on a leash at all times when not on the owner's property.
- Glass containers are not allowed on the beach.

- Fires are not allowed on the beach at any time.
- Fireworks of all kinds are prohibited at all times.
- Digging in the sand is fun but please fill in your holes when you leave so people won't trip and fall.
- Help us to maintain our sand dunes. Use only the walkways to get to the beach. Walkways are located at the ends of N6th, N4th, N2nd, Division, S1st, S2nd, S3rd, S4th, S5th, S6th, S9th, Indian, Jamaica, Kewanee, and Logan. ***The handicap accessible walkway is located at South 3rd Street.***



Congratulations to Patrick Wiley, who was formally promoted to Sergeant at the April 12 Town Council meeting.

The Town thanks Sgt. Wiley for his commitment to law enforcement and the community, and we honor and thank him for his service to our country with the U.S. Air Force.



## FROM THE CODE CONSTABLE

(Joseph Hinks)

### News and updates:

- As a reminder, the entire Town of South Bethany is in a floodplain. If you would like to see a map of the flood zone that affects your property visit this link and select the NFHL Viewer. Here is a handy link for that site <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-hazard-layer-nfhl>
- Consider getting a NEW Elevation Certificate. Insurance companies and FEMA use Elevation Certificates as a tool in determining your individual flood risk. Old Elevation Certificates may have used outdated benchmarks that are now unacceptable for rating properties. For help understanding the Elevation Certificate please visit this link. If you unable to use this link please call my office and I will assist you. <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/160>
- DNREC has a handy site for finding information concerning your flood risk. Click on the search tab and enter your address. <http://maps.dnrec.delaware.gov/floodplanning/default.html>
- If you have questions regarding Elevations, Flood Maps, or Flood Risks please call my office and I will assist you with the information we have on file for your property.
- To assist you in preparing for a Hurricane and Emergencies please visit <https://www.ready.gov/>
- IF YOU ARE UNDER A FLOOD WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY. Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown!

### Town Code Reminders:

- Recycle carts – Recycle collection times change in May to every Friday for pickup. Many people are unaware of the proper storage and placement of their carts, so for simplicity here is the Town Code: 114-6A (5-7) (5) Trash containers and recycle carts not stored in a bin should be placed at curbside the day before pickup and removed after collection on pickup day. The property owner or occupant shall place recycling carts and all protective containers of solid waste at curbside, but not on the public right-of-way, in order that the recyclable materials and solid waste may be conveniently removed by the collector. (6) Except for pickup, the owner or occupant of any property shall not keep trash can containers or recycle carts at curbside unless stored in a suitable bin. Bins for storage of waste containers larger than 55 gallons shall be open on one or two sides and should have no floor or a low floor to facilitate the removal of containers. (7) Waste containers that are not stored in bins shall be kept at or under the house.

### Some spring and summer tips:

- Mosquito prevention: Keep gutters clean of tree debris to promote proper roof drainage and help control mosquito breeding. Consider purchasing mosquito dunks to help cut back on the mosquito population. Here are two handy links for mosquito control products.

[www.summitchemical.com/mosquito/mosquito-dunks/](http://www.summitchemical.com/mosquito/mosquito-dunks/)

[www.arbico-organics.com/category/natural-mosquito-control-products](http://www.arbico-organics.com/category/natural-mosquito-control-products)

- Are you irritated by wild critters in your yard or on your outdoor tables? Consider a non-toxic, and harmless approach. Here is a handy link for those products. <http://motionsensorsprinkler.com/>
1. Trim back trees to promote new vigorous growth. If you have trees that are next to the canals, please trim branches back so that tree debris do not fall into the water.
  2. When cutting your grass do not discharge clippings into the canal or street. Did you know that grass clipping contain phosphorus? One bushel of fresh grass clippings can contain enough phosphorus to produce 30 -50 pounds of algae in our canals. Why not consider bagging or mulching clippings instead.
  3. Please take the time to inspect you home for mold and mildew growth. This type of growth can lead to staining and damage to house siding. Consider having your home professionally power washed.
  4. Check all smoke detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors for working condition and replace batteries if needed.

Wishing everyone a safe and sunny summer season. If you need to contact me the phone number is 302-539-3653 x211.



### ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REVIEW

**Ordinance 193-18**, to Amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany by adding a new chapter to establish uniform policies and procedures for the deployment and installation of small wireless facilities in rights-of-way within the Town of South Bethany's jurisdiction which will provide a public health, safety, and welfare benefit consistent with the preservation of the integrity, safe usage, and visual qualities of the Town of South Bethany : Had its first reading on December 14, 2018. The second and third readings have not been scheduled.

**Ordinance 194-19**, to Amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany Chapter 94, Parking, §§ 94-6 and 94-7 redefining the South Bethany Parking Permit System, to end the Town's dual system permits, eliminate nontransferable permits and transferable permits and set up one type of residential permit, and include obtaining parking permits online through the South Bethany website : Had its first reading on February 8, 2019; had its second reading on February 28, 2019; and had its third reading and adoption on March 8, 2019.

**Resolution 1-19**, to revise South Bethany's Schedule of Fees. Was adopted on April 25, 2019.

**Resolution 2-19**, to set the FY 2020 Property Tax Rate and Rental Tax Rate. Was adopted on April 12, 2019.

**Note:** You may view these ordinances and resolutions at Town Hall or in the News & Notices section of the Town's website (<https://southbethany.delaware.gov/>).

### ACCESS THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY CODE

On the home page of the Town's website

<https://southbethany.delaware.gov/>

Click or tap the Town Code icon





## South Bethany and Its Canal Water...what have we done for you lately

Frank Weisgerber, Councilmember and Chair of Canal Water Quality Committee

When the Town of South Bethany was developed, five miles of dead end canals, with a surface area of 35 acres, were constructed to provide waterfront property and to provide soil to raise the low land so that it could be developed. The South Bethany Watershed contains 345 acres, shown to the right, that drain into the South Bethany Canals. Draining into the Anchorage Canal are 125 acres, mostly north of South Bethany, shown in red to the right. Draining into the remaining canals are 220 acres, all within South Bethany, shown in green to the right. The South Bethany Canals form part of the watershed for the Little Assawoman Bay. Thus the Inland Bays Pollution Control Strategy (PCS) and the EPA approved Watershed Plan applies to the South Bethany Canals. The PCS was tasked to guide the reduction of nitrogen and phosphorus loads by the 40% necessary to meet the watershed's 2004 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL).

Since 2008 the South Bethany Canal Water Quality Committee has been taking nutrient samples for analysis twice a month during summer and once/month in spring/fall. Recently the high nutrient levels have caused significant algal blooms in the spring.

Below are examples. One from April, 2012 and one from May, 2016



There have been many projects completed that did reduce the quantity of nutrients that are entering the canals. Even with all that has been done it appears that nutrient concentration levels are being reduced very slowly. Just about everything that can be done with Stormwater BMPs (Best Management Practices) on land has been done. Something is keeping the nutrient concentrations in the canals higher than the state standard and causing annual algal blooms.

Research has suggested that the high nutrient concentrations is coming from more than 60 years of legacy sedimentation "muck" that has been accumulating on the bottom of the canals before the nutrient reductions efforts were implemented. The canals have been acting as sedimentation BMPs and may need to be maintained.

August 2018 with the aid of a state grant the Town of South Bethany partnered with Woods Hole Group to study and analyze the canal sedimentation with hopes to confirm that canal sediment was in fact percolating nitrates and phosphorus. April 2019 Woods Hole confirmed that there is much nitrate and phosphorus in the canals' sediment (muck) and removal via specialized dredging of the sediment is a recommended remediation.

In the near future a presentation and discussion on findings will be brought to the Council. Assuming Council approval, a proposal would then be put together requesting funding to remove the sediment from the canals identified in the Woods Hole Report to reduce nitrate and phosphorus levels.

South Bethany's tidal brackish slow water exchange canals present a unique environment difficult to get quick fix solutions. Investigation of

other possibilities to reduce nitrates/phosphorus and algae/widgeon grass continues to be pursued. The Town has hired Envirotech to aid in monitoring the canal waters. By conducting physical observations through the 5 miles of canal systems by boat twice a month looking for the presence of nuisance aquatic vegetation growth, development and or other ecological or pollution deficiencies. Report findings, areas and species concern, and recommendations for corrective actions to Town Manager.

The Canal Water Quality Committee continues its efforts of helping the Town to be better stewards of the canals by...

- monitoring the Route 1 storm water entry point at the Anchorage forebay and when necessary schedule DelDOT cleanouts
- reworking SB street storm water grates into rain gardens
- pursuing additional floating wetlands to remove/absorb nitrates and phosphorus in the waters
- deploying oysters and possibly ribbed mussels to naturally filter canal waters
- investigating riprap artificial oyster/mussel reefs using Coquina rock (Coquina or cockleshell is a sedimentary which is formed into a rock when pressure is applied) for Town managed canal ends and possibly under property owners docks to start shellfish environments
- continuing to make homeowners who abut the canals aware they need to be conscientious caretakers and not allow grass clippings or other vegetation to go into the canal, nor should they use fertilizers that include toxic chemicals (nitrates) on their lawns.
- Eliminating grandfathered outside showers and roof gutters draining directly into the canals. They need to be disconnected.

### Email News Updates!

Enroll in the Town's Email Communications Program by submitting the Homeowner Contact Information Form on the Contact Us drop down menu at <https://southbethany.delaware.gov>.

If you have questions regarding the program or if you would like to opt out of receiving repeated news updates, contact Pam Smith at [administrator@southbethany.org](mailto:administrator@southbethany.org) or 302-539-3653, Ext. 219.



## South Bethany Celebrates its 7th Annual Earth Day (By Councilmember Sue Callaway)

The Community Enhancement Committee (CEC), Chaired by Councilmember Sue Callaway, was delighted to host its 7th Earth Day event featuring two very special enhancements to South Bethany, our favorite part of the earth!

First was the introduction of the expanded Fitness Area located adjacent to Town Hall. With grant funding from DNREC's Division of Parks and Recreation, the CEC added 5 new pieces of equipment along with a bike rack and park bench. Bob Ehemann and Bill Miller offi-

cially represented DNREC and were pleased to see the impact of their funding. They joined Sue along with Councilmembers Frank Weisgerber and Carol Stevenson, Fitness Instructors Mel and Kim Royster, CEC members Kent Stephan, Bobbe Stephan, and Donna Farrow, as the tape was ceremoniously cut! After a fitness demonstration by the Roysters, the expanded area is now ready for homeowners and visitors to enjoy. The Fitness Area "fits" well into South Bethany's Comprehensive Goal #6 – "Promote South Bethany as a Healthy Community."

Second was the exciting grand opening of the Kids Little Free Library (LFL). Councilmember

Frank Weisgerber spent the winter months diligently designing and building an exquisite library that will definitely appeal to kids of all ages! Once the ribbon was cut, Tori Royster helped Sue and Frank fill the new LFL with books specifically selected and donated by Sue's granddaughter, Lucy! Located right next to the Town Hall's Adult LFL, we are quite certain it will be just as popular as that one and the one on Ocean Drive and S. 3rd St. Remember "Take a Book, Leave a Book."

If you have children's books to donate, email [sue.callaway@gmail.com](mailto:sue.callaway@gmail.com).

# Fitness Area

# Kids LFL



Bob Ehemann and Sue Callaway cut the ribbon

L. to R.: Kent Stephan, Councilman Weisgerber, Councilwoman Stevenson, Donna Farrow & Bobbe Stephan



Mel Royster demonstrates best position on the hypertension bench



Kim Royster demonstrates alternative exercises



Kim Royster suggests lots of options for using each piece of equipment



Our new edition to the LFL



Sue Callaway & Frank Weisgerber untie the ribbon



Tori Royster helps fill the Kids LFL!



Sue thanks all those for attending – especially Public Works for their support!



Frank Weisgerber, Town Councilman, built all three of the town's LFLs.



## PAY YOUR TAX BILL ONLINE

View and pay your tax bill online on the "Online Payments" page of the Town's website:

<https://southbethany.delaware.gov>

If you need assistance, contact the Finance Director, Renee McDorman at:

302-539-3653 x 215

[financial@southbethany.org](mailto:financial@southbethany.org)

**Help Keep Our Beach and Town Clean:** Dog excrement has been seen along the beach. Everyone is asked to clean up after their dogs and not dispose of dog excrement in someone's private trash container. Please adhere to these Town ordinances:

§ 30-5. Removal of excrement. The owner shall carry and use a bag or other device to pick up and remove any excrement said dog shall drop on property other than their own.

§ 114-5E. It shall be unlawful to place or deposit any animal excrement into any cart, bin, can, or container that is not the property of the animal owner or the Town.

## MONITORING THE TROPICS AND CONDITIONS

The Sussex County Emergency Operations Center encourages residents and visitors to continue monitoring the tropics and conditions. Stay tuned to local television and radio stations and the following Sussex County internet resources:

Sussex County EOC Website:

<https://sussexcountyde.gov/emergency-operations-center>

Sussex County's hurricane homepage:

<https://sussexcountyde.gov/hurricane-information>

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/SussexCountyDE](http://www.facebook.com/SussexCountyDE)

Twitter:

[www.twitter.com/sussexde\\_govt](http://www.twitter.com/sussexde_govt)

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SussexCountyDelaware>

The public should also monitor the National Weather Service NOAA Weather Ready Nation homepage:

<http://www.weather.gov/wrn/>

**Rental License/Rental Tax:** "No property owner shall advertise to lease or rent to another any residential or commercial property without first obtaining a valid annual rental license."

The fee is \$150.00 for each residential or commercial property offered for rental and is payable at the time the application is submitted. When applying, the property owner certifies that all prior rental tax forms have been filed and that all rental tax and penalties due have been paid in full and that all the information provided and statements made in the application are true and accurate. Any property owner found guilty of violating this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined \$300.00 for each day of violation, plus court costs, and reasonable town attorney fees.

Rental taxes shall be due and payable to the Town no later than Oct. 31 of each year and shall cover the prior period of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Rental Tax is 8% of total gross receipts collected for each rental property.

## BETHANY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Please support the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company (BBVFC) in their fund-raising efforts. The fire service is completely separate from the ambulance service. The ambulance fee you pay with your Town Taxes is for the ambulance service only and does not benefit the fire service. The following is the web address to the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Co. Donation Page:

<http://bethanybeachfire.com/page/donations>

You can also access the donation page from the Local Links page of our website:

<https://southbethany.delaware.gov>

## Yard Waste Guidelines

Yard waste that is in plastic bags or that is comingled with trash will not be picked up. Also, yard waste must be at curbside to ensure pickup. Please follow these guidelines: Yard waste consists of grass clippings, leaves, tree limbs, and shrubbery (absolutely no soil or food products). If bagged, it must be bagged in recyclable paper yard waste bags. Yard waste may be cut into no longer than 4-ft. lengths, bundled (cotton string only) and placed at the curb for pickup. If yard waste is placed in a trash can, the can must be at curbside with the lid off (not in a bin). Logs are limited to 35 lbs. and 4 inches in diameter. To ensure pickup, yard waste should be put at curbside the night before.

## FY 2020 BUDGET APPROVED

The South Bethany Town Council, at its regular meeting on April 12, 2019, approved the FY 2020 Budget. Detailed copies of the budget are available at the Town Hall during regular business hours. The budget can also be viewed on the Budgets tab of the Budget and Finance page of the Town's website.

## Town Code Annual Notifications

Visit the News & Notices section of the Town Website, <https://southbethany.delaware.gov>, to view annual notifications regarding the following:

- Town Code Chapter 104, Property Maintenance, Article II, Grass and Weeds
- Town Code Chapter 114 Solid Waste, Article III, Solid Waste Management.

The notifications can also be viewed at Town Hall.

## NO WAKE ZONES

All waterways from our canals to the Little Assawoman Bay are posted "NO WAKE" zones and will be enforced as such.

## HONORARY/MEMORIAL BRICKS

Buy an honorary/memorial brick located around the Town Hall flagpole. To order, download the order form from the Forms page of the Town's website or contact Town Hall to request the form. Return the completed form and payment of \$100 to Town Hall.

## TRASH SCHEDULE

October through April: Mon.

May & Sept.: Mon. & Sat.

June, July & August: Mon., Thurs., & Sat.

Trash will be collected:

Memorial Day, July 4, and Labor Day.

**FYI: Latex paint solidified with kitty litter, sawdust, or sand can be put in the regular trash. IT MUST BE SOLIDIFIED!**

## RECYCLING SCHEDULE

May through Sept.: Every Friday

Remainder of the year: Every other Friday

## YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

Year Round—Every other Wednesday

**2019 BULK TRASH PICKUP DAY IS SATURDAY, MAY 18**

The calendar is posted on our website. Click or tap the Trash Schedule icon.



Paper copies are available at Town Hall.



# **BOATERS - HELP PRESERVE OUR CANALS**

## **WHAT DOES SLOW NO WAKE REALLY MEAN?**



Most boaters think SLOW NO WAKE signs mean a boat must be going slow enough to not put out any wake behind the boat. This is *not* true.

SLOW NO WAKE means moving at the *slowest speed possible* while still maintaining steerage. It has nothing to do with you actually making a small wake or not. The speed and maintaining steerage depends on your boat and its characteristics. SLOW NO WAKE varies with boat model, waves, currents, or even wind.

*Most boats have two 5 mph speeds:*

- The first, with the throttle clicked just forward of neutral, is called “idling in gear” — so that the engine is turning at around 600 rpm.
- The second, 5 mph speed is the one in which the engine is turning about 1,300 rpm. At this engine speed, there’s more thrust. But the boat is squatting, resulting in a bigger wake and no increase in speed.

Each time the SLOW NO WAKE is ignored, you are DAMAGING THE BULKHEADS; you are STIRRING UP THE MUCK on the bottom of the canals that pollutes our waters; you are IMPACTING BOATS tied up; and you are ROCKIN’ THE WORLDS of those canoeing, kayaking or fishing.

*So you think no one will notice?* ....but we do notice and we have had complaints about these violations. Consider that Federal, Delaware, as well as South Bethany, holds you responsible for your wake and any damage created to moored boats and bulkheads can be ticketed and fined.



**SEE SOMETHING, DO SOMETHING** - If you **SEE** a boat creating wake as it makes its way down our canals, **MAKE A DOWNWARD MOTION WITH YOUR HAND**, signaling the driver to **CUT THE BOAT SPEED**. If the boater chooses to ignore your request you have the right to take pictures and capture the boat’s name, boat description, and its registration numbers on the side of the boat. Then contact **DNREC’S BOAT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION** at **302-739-4580**. Our SBPD has no jurisdiction over canal waters. Taking this action means you care about preserving our South Bethany canals.

**ON BEHALF OF ALL SOUTH BETHANY PROPERTY OWNERS**  
**THANK YOU!!**

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** (Meeting dates and times are subject to change)

May 10	5:00 PM	Meet the Candidates
May 10	6:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
May 18	5:00 AM	Bulk Trash Pickup
May 23	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop Meeting
May 25	9 AM – 3 PM	Town Election
May 27	————	Town Hall Closed – Memorial Day
June 1	10:00 AM	Town Council Organizational Meeting
June 14	6:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
June 27	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop Meeting
June 30	1-3 PM	50th Anniversary of the Town Celebration
July 4	————	Town Hall Closed – Independence Day
July	8:30 PM	Beach Movie Night
July 12	6:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
July 25	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop Meeting
August 9	6:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
August	7:00 PM	Beach Movie Night
August 22	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop Meeting
September 2	————	Town Hall Closed – Labor Day
September 13	6:00 PM	Town Council Regular Meeting
September 26	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop Meeting

**TOWN HALL TELEPHONE & EXTENSIONS**

TITLE	NAME	EXT.
Town Manager	Town Hall	302-539-3653
Administrative Assistant	Maureen Hartman	213
Finance Director	Pam Smith	219
Town Clerk	Renee McDorman	215
Code Enforcement Constable	Janet Powell	218
Public Works Supervisor	Joseph Hinks	211
Maintenance Worker	Jon Stiffler	216
Police Sergeant	Rick Gentile	216
PD Administrative Assistant	Patrick Wiley	225
	Coleen Meyer	521

**TOWN COUNCIL PHONE NUMBERS**


Mayor	Town Hall	302-539-3653
Councilmember (Mayor Pro-Tem)	Tim Saxton	Ext. 555
Councilmember (Secretary)	Sue Callaway	Ext. 552
Councilmember (Treasurer)	Carol Stevenson	Ext. 551
Councilmember	Don Boteler	Ext. 553
Councilmember	Frank Weisgerber	Ext. 556
Councilmember	Jimmy Oliver	Ext. 550
Councilmember	Jerry Masiello	Ext. 554

**Visit the Town's new website:**

<https://southbethany.delaware.gov>

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER**

Police Department (Emergency/Non-Emergency):	(302) 539-3996	Delaware Health & Social Services (Georgetown):	(302) 515-3300
Emergency:	911	Republic Services (Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste)	(800) 762-8888
Non-Emergency (State Police):	(302) 855-2980	Delaware Solid Waste Authority (Landfill):	(800) 404-7080
DNREC (Div. of Fish and Wildlife):	(800) 523-3336	Artesian:	(302) 684-2527
(for boating/crabbing complaints outside of Town limits)		Miss Utility:	(800) 282-8555
(Mosquito Control Office and reporting dead birds):	(302) 422-1512	Sharp Energy (Emergency):	(302) 856-6648
USCG National Response Center:	(800) 424-8802	(Complaint):	(302) 539-7898
(report oil spills/chemical releases/maritime security incidents)		Town Hall:	(302) 539-3653
Poison Control Information Center:	(800) 222-1222	Fax (Town Hall):	(302) 539-7576
		Fax (Police):	(302) 539-7545
		E-mail:	townhall@southbethany.org

Town Website Tips: On the Home page find upcoming meeting agendas in the Meetings & Events section and public notices and news in the News & Notices section. To review past meeting minutes, from the top navigation menu, select the Boards/Committees drop down menu. Viewing from a mobile phone? To see the top navigation menu, tap the Menu icon:  Questions? Contact Pam Smith, Administrative Assistant

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